(b) The Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation provides for Indian and Turkish Companies based in each others countries to be exempted from being taxed on their overseas operations twice. once under the foreign country tax code and once under thhe domestic country tax code. The Agreement on Cooperation in Tourism provides for smoother formalities for tourist groups from each other's countries and for contacts between tour operators of India and Turkey.

(c) and (d) In terms of contributing to closer understanding between India and Turkey, these Agreements will help promote overall understanding between India and Turkey. Overall improvement in Indo-Turkish relations will, we expect, also promote a greater understanding of the Kashmir issue on the Turkish side.

Repatriation of Srilankan Tamils to Sri Lanka

*336. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recent talks held with the President, the Prime Minister and the Sri Lankan President, the issue of extradition of Sh. V. Prabhakaran, the LTTE Leader involved in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case was broached;

(b) whether repatriation of Sri Lankan Tamils to Sri Lanka was specifically discussed; if so, what agreement was reached in this regard;

(c) whether there were other agreements signed by India with that country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes. Sir. This issue was raised and discussed. It has been conveyed to the Sri Lankan President that the issue is one of great significance involving not just legal aspects but emotions of the Indian people.

(b) Yes, Sir. During the discussions, the two sides stressed the need for continuing cooperation to ensure the maintenance of the momentum of smooth repatriation of Sri Lankan refugees from India.

(c) There were no agreement signed between India and Sri Lanka during the visit.

(d) Doe not arise.

Telephone Adalats

*337. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whetaer Telephone Adalats are held every month to solve problems of the subscribers;

(b) whether this exercise has yielded good results and made the official machinery more alert and responsive to subscribers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. As per existing instructions, Telephone Adalats are to be held once in three months and not once every month.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Telephone Adalats have for their objectives satisfactory redressal of long pending customer grievances. The Adalat comprises of a 3-member Bench chaired by The General Manager (Telephones) Telecom District Manager. The other two members are from Finance and Engineering Branches. 175 Telephone Adalats have been held in 1994-95 up to February, 1995.

Schemes and projects under global Environmental facility

*338. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up schemes|projects to avail of the concessions that are available to the developing countries under the Global Environmental Facility;

(b) if so, what are the salient features| particulars of the schemes|projects drawn up and submitted for approval; and

(c) to which areas|spheres Government are according priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The details showing the projects approved for assistance under the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in its Pilot phase are furnished in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) Biodiversity Conservation, Alternative energy sources, eco.development, energy efficiency, form the priority areas of projects submitted for funding under the Global Environment facility.

Statement

Approved GEF Projects

	Project Name	Deptt.	Implementing Agency	Theme	Indian Rs.	Size
1.	Alternate Energy project	MNES	World Bank	Global Warming	94.5 Crs.	$30 million
2.	Optimising Development of Small Hydel Resources in the Hilly Regions of India.	MNES	UNDP	Global Warming	23.6 Crs.	$7a5 million
3.	Development of High Rate Biomethanation Processes as a means of reducing GHG emissions.	MNES	UNDP	Global Warming	17.0 Crs.	$5.4 million
4.	Cost Effective options for limiting GHG emissions.	MOEF	World Bank	Global Warming	4.7 Crs.	Technical assistance of $1.5 million approved.
5.	Clean Coal Technology Centres and Bagasse Co-Generation.	USAID/ NTPC MNES	USAID Co-financing	Global Warming	59.85 Crs.	$19 million Approved by the GEF Counc in 7/94.

Abbreviations :

1. MNES : –Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.
2. MOEF : –Ministry of Environment and Forests.
3. NTPC :—National Thermal Power Corporation.
4. USAID : –United States Agency for International Development.